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Prize Essay on Peace, for which a reward of 1000 francs had been offered, as one of 100 guineas had been for that of Mr. Macnamara.

From our countryman, G. M. Gibbes, Esq., a resident in Paris for the last twelve years, we have also received a very able *Letter to the American Peace Society*, on the subject of an *International Journal* to be devoted mainly to the preservation of peace; a grand conception, which we should rejoice to see realized as a pioneer and auxiliary of permanent peace through Christendom.

HOME INTELLIGENCE.

We have so long neglected both home and foreign intelligence, that we devote to the subject an unusual portion of our present number.

AGENT.—From the Rev. T. H. Miller we learn, that he had sent a report of his labors to our Treasurer; but not reaching our Secretary in season, we could give no full or definite account of his services. We are happy, however, to perceive, that he has been at work with his usual zeal in Portsmouth and its vicinity, especially in Newcastle, Newington, Kensington, Scotland Parish, York, Me., and Salisbury, Mass., besides bringing our cause before the General Association of New Hampshire, and the Rockingham Conference.

SECRETARY'S LABORS.—The extracts from his report, selected for our last number, we were obliged for the most part to omit; and we can now give only a small portion of the remainder, while we must defer an account of his recent labors in Rhode Island.

PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK.—“The public mind in this county I found unexpectedly well prepared for my efforts; a result which I attribute mainly to the spontaneous instrumentality of Mr. Foster, who was, however, readily seconded by other good men. He had often brought it before his Presbytery, and given it a salutary and decided impulse. The question of peace he once put to the test by calling upon his hearers to rise at the close of his address; and the audience, a large and intelligent one, rose, nearly, if not quite to a man, from their seats. In Constable, the place of his residence, I had from a scattered population almost as many hearers, at a third discourse on peace in the evening, as had attended during the day; and I heard, that the whole company of militia there had petitioned, or were on the point of petitioning, the Legislature to dispense with military drills.

In *Malone*, too, I found some fast friends. Mr. Haskell, said to be at the head of the bar in that county, had many years ago acquired, from the publications of the Massachusetts Peace Society, a strong interest in the cause; and the Rev. A. Parmalee, for more than thirty years pastor of the Presbyterian church in that place, and consequently on the ground when it was successively visited in our last war by the American and the British troops, had showed himself an active friend. He could speak from some personal observation; for he had seen the place occupied first by several thousand American troops, and afterwards by a still larger number of British soldiers. His own house was the retreat of wounded or diseased officers; and from the specimens of war there exhibited on a small scale, he assured me I could not conceive its bad effects on the soldiers or the community. Profaneness, and Sabbath-breaking, and drunkenness, and gambling, and licentiousness, all kinds of wickedness abounded; nor has the place to this day, some thirty years, recovered from the contagion. All this might be said of other places in that region, and far more of Plattsburgh,


where a large number of troops were stationed during our last war, and a company or two have been kept nearly all the time since.



In *Fort Covington*, another seat of our last war, I expected little, but found in the evening a very good audience assembled to hear me; and at the close of my lecture, there came up to me a stanch friend of our cause, the only subscriber to the *Advocate* we had in the place, *Henry Longley*, who will, I doubt not, stick to the cause of peace as long as *Salmon river* runs into the *St. Lawrence*. I learned that he had been at work; *just the kind of friends we want every where*. It seems he can talk as well as think; and so he had been delivering some addresses there on the subject, to very good acceptance. True, they deemed him somewhat ultra; and so will every man that is worth much as a reformer, be regarded by an unreformed community.


Similar statements I might make respecting persons and places through northern New York, Vermont and New Hampshire; but I abstain, through fear of taxing your time and patience too much. These are favorable, yet fair specimens of what I found all along my route of some four hundred miles, and, I might add, of what I witness more or less in almost every place I visit."

PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS OF THE CAUSE.


Let our readers look at the few specimens we give in this number, of what is doing in our own country and in Europe; and they will see what fields of usefulness, and what prospects of success are opening before the friends of peace. The whole Christian world is ripening fast for efforts in this cause. We doubt whether there was ever a time so auspicious; and these golden opportunities strongly encourage and demand a large increase of exertions.


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